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REPORT BY CIA REPRESENTATIVES

DARREL THOMPSON: Government defense experts today are pondering the implications of a report of Soviet activity in a military field which, until recently, the Russians showed little interest. CBS News diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb has the story.

KALB: A new Administration report on Russian military strength shows that the Soviet Union has developed a significant amphibious capability. This report was given to some Senators last Friday by CIA representatives in a private briefing, and the Pentagon is giving it considerable weight in drawing up its military plans for next year. \*

The report is believed to stress that Russia has five new fighter planes while we have none; that Russia is building aircraft carriers and Polaris-type submarines in a few clips; that Russia now has 45 combat ships in the Mediterranean, including a landing craft presumably with a Soviet version of Marines; that Russia is negotiating for a second naval base in the area in Algeria to add to the one they have at Alexanaria, Egypt; and that Russian missile production is cutting sharply into American lead.

Marvin Kalb, CBS News, Washington.

\* CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations + Sens Mansfield, Fulbright & McNamara from the foreign relations Committee as invitees.